

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 112

February 15, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, as part of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, sellers providing shopping carts with child seats to equip the seats with protective devices and maintain them according to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards. Violation is an unfair and deceptive practice under the Act. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Consumer Affairs, to provide technical assistance and materials to sellers and to study effective means for raising awareness of shopping cart child safety practices.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$9,700/One-Time
\$69,800/Recurring**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance, Division of Consumer Affairs, will require one additional position to administer the provisions of this bill. The recurring increase to state expenditures associated with this position is estimated to be \$69,800 (\$42,300 salary + \$14,700 benefits + \$12,800 communications, supplies, travel, etc.).
- One-time state expenditures are estimated to be \$9,700 (computer, software, office furniture and equipment, and for conducting a study).
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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